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Title : Valve, Suitable for Use in an Oil Circuit of an Internal  
Combustion Engine

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.